

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Raymond Robert Patch, et al.

Application No.: 10/643,031

Filing Date: August 18, 2003

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VALIDATING HIERARCHICALLY-ORGANIZED MESSAGES**

Confirmation No.: 3222

Group Art Unit: 2178

Examiner: Vaughn, Gregory J.

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Applicant-Initiated Interview Summary**

Date of Interview: October 10, 2006

Interview Type: ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic ☐ Electronic Mail ☐ Video Conference ☐ Other:

Participants:

From PTO: (Include Name and Title)

1. Gregory J. Vaughn, Examiner
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- 3.

For Applicant:

1. Peter M. Ullman, *choose one:* ~~Applicant~~, Attorney, ~~Agent~~
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3. , *choose one:* Applicant, Attorney, Agent
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☐ An exhibit or demonstration was included and is described below:

The claims discussed included: Claim(s) 1, 10, 18, and 21

The ☐art ☐prior art discussed included:

N/A – only section 101 and 112 rejections discussed.

An agreement ☒was ☒was not reached.

☐It was agreed that the attached claims are allowable.

☐It was agreed that the attached amendment would be entered.

☒The interview is summarized below.

It was agreed that the amendment of certain claims to recite a “computer-readable storage medium” would overcome the non-tangible signal portion of the section 101 rejection. The portion of the 101 rejection relating to lack of utility was also discussed, and the Examiner agreed to reconsider this issue in view of PTO practices that had evolved since the time that the Office Action was issued. The Examiner also agreed to reconsider the section 112 rejection in view of additional portions of the specification that applicants brought to the Examiner’s attention at the interview.

Date: November 8, 2006

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